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SUBJ: THAI PARTICIPATION AT SPOKANE EXPO '74

FOR HENDERSON/COLE FROM FOSTER/HURD

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1. PER SUGGESTION REF, COMMISSIONER GENERAL'S STAFF MADE PRESENTATION TO THAI EMBASSY CHARGE WICHIAN WATANAKUN AND SENIOR AIDES ON NOVEMBER 23. THEY AGREED TO TELEGRAM GOT ON BASIS SPECIFIC FACTS AND COST ESTIMATES PROVIDED EMBASSY BY EXPO CONSULTANT DINGWALL THIS DATE.

2. SUGGEST AMBASSADOR APPROACH FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR CABINET REVIEW AFTER DISCUSSION APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES. CHARGE INDICATED LIKELY INTEREST OF GOVERNMENT TOURIST OFFICE OF THAILAND (TOT) WITH OFFICES NEW YORK AND L.A. TOT APPARENTLY ACTIVE IN CULTURAL PROGRAMS SPONSORED ABROAD AS PART OF TOURISM INDUCEMENT.

3. EMBASSY NOT ABLE MAKE ANY POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION ON LIKELY EFFECT COLE VISIT UNTIL REVIEW COMPLETED BY INTERESTED THAI OFFICIALS.

4. BELIEVE COLE DECISION VISIT THAILAND SHOULD AWAIT WHATEVER READING EMBASSY BANGKOK CAN FORWARD COLE PRIORITY IN MANIAL. FINAL DECISION SHOULD BE MADE IN LIGHT OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OF COLE'S ASIAN VISIT INCLUDING POSSIBLE IMPORTANCE STOP IN SEOUL IN ATTEMPT MAKE GOK DECISION FINAL AND PUBLIC.

5. WE EMPHASIZED TO EMBASSY HERE IMPORTANCE OF SITE VISIT ASAP IF THAI INTEREST SERIOUS.

6. INTERNATIONAL PICTURE QUITE ENCOURAGING: AUSTRALIA HAS MADE POSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENT ON PARTICIPATION; SIMILAR NEWS EXPECTED FROM IRAN WITHIN WEEK; MOVEMENT IN EUROPE, STIMULATED BY TRIP OF COMMISSIONER GENERAL, LEADS TO EDUCATED GUESS THAT 3 OR 4 OTHER COUNTRIES WILL JOIN FRANCE IN EUROPEAN AREA. KISSINGER

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